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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed September 9, 2003, the Applicant, through undersigned counsel, respectfully petitions for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, on the ground that the above-captioned patent application was not in fact abandoned.

A non-final Office Action was mailed March 5, 2003. The statutory period for response to the Office Action, with the maximum extension of time, expired September 5, 2003.

On September 5, 2003, the Applicant, through undersigned counsel, filed an Amendment, an Amendment Transmittal, and a Request for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Copies of the papers as filed are enclosed, along with a copy of a postcard receipt for the same, date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that a response was timely filed and that the application was not abandoned. In light of the above, the Applicant respectfully requests that the

Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the Amendment be entered and fully considered.

Notice that such relief has been granted is earnestly solicited.

The Applicant respectfully submits that no fee is due for this Petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00208).

Respectfully submitted,

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